

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An adjustable fifth wheel hitch for towing a trailer behind a motor  
5 vehicle, comprising:
  - a support frame including a pair of spaced guide rails;
  - a head assembly including a jaw assembly for engaging a trailer;
  - adjustment assembly coupling said head assembly to said pair of  
spaced guide rails so as to be selectively displaceable between a towing position  
10 and a maneuvering position; and
    - a locking assembly for releasably locking said head assembly in  
said towing and maneuvering positions, said locking assembly having a locking  
arm positionable in a locked position being engaged with one of said pair of  
spaced guide rails and an unlocked position, said locking arm having a camming  
15 surface; and
      - a locking cam cammingly engaging said camming surface on said  
locking arm so as to position said locking arm in said locked position and said  
unlocked position.
- 20 2. The adjustable fifth wheel hitch according to Claim 1 wherein said  
pair of spaced guide rails are generally round in cross section.
3. The adjustable fifth wheel hitch according to Claim 1, further  
comprising:  
25 a retaining device selectively engaging said locking arm so as to  
prohibit unintentional movement of said locking arm from said locked position to  
said unlocked position.
4. The adjustable fifth wheel hitch according to Claim 1, further  
30 comprising:
  - a guide stud extending from at least one of said pair of spaced  
guide rails;

an inboard plate;

an outboard plate coupled to said inboard plate generally adjacent  
said at least one of said pair of spaced guide rails, said inboard plate and said  
outboard plate generally supporting said locking assembly, at least one of said  
5 inboard plate and said outboard having a guide channel formed therein, said  
guide channel being sized to receive said guide slot to generally maintain sliding  
alignment.